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Enclosed please find a Response to the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 10-20, 37-47 and 58-59 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-9, 21-29, 31-36 and 48-57 have been rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 3 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for having insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 1-3, 5, 28, 29 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,243,134 to Bailey et al. (Bailey). Claims 55-57 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,962,844 to Merrill et al. (Merrill). Claims 4, 6-9, 21-27, 31, 33-36 and 48-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bailey in view of Merrill.